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28th June 2026 Psalter Week 1	<i>Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles & Martyrs</i>		
First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 <i>'Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.'</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	From all my terrors the Lord set me free.		
Second Reading	2 St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 <i>'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19 <i>'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'</i>		
Saturday 27th June +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 28th June +	10.30am	Mass - (McCarthy family Ints)	
Monday 29th June <i>Feria</i>	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Maura Dempsey RIP)	
Tuesday 30th June The First Martyrs of Rome	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jane Medicott RIP)	
Wednesday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett – Bishop & Martyr		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 2nd July <i>Feria</i>	10.00am 6.00pm 6.45pm	Mass - (Foundation Mass Murphy family) Adoration with Confession Mass - (Emma Kearns RIP)	
Friday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Saturday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Marie Daykin RIP)	
Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 4th July +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass - (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 5th July +	10.30am	Mass - (Mary Redmond RIP)	

Oremus Pro Invicem! (Let us pray for each other)

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£361.48
Digital Collection Plate	£65.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£928.38

Second Collection this Weekend – Peter’s Pence – (or *Denarii Sancti Petri – Alms of St Peter*). Donations are made directly to the Holy See – Pope Leo XIV encourages us to be as generous as possible.



The First Thursday Discussion Club – will meet as usual on **Thursday, 2nd July, at 7.30pm** after Mass at 6.45pm. Fr Daniel will lead our concluding discussion. This is the final meeting on this 'school' year's theme of Faith in the Arts. We pause in August and then resume with a new theme on **Thursday, 3rd September**. As in previous years, this last First Thursday of 2025-26 is a social gathering when we can reflect on the theme of these sessions and discuss plans for 2026-7. Weather permitting, we can go outside to enjoy the work of the Gardening Club. There will be sparkling wine, sparkling water and sparkling conversation. **All are welcome.**



Parish Forum – The Parish Forum meeting on **Sunday 5th July** (after the 10.30 Mass) will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch which all parishioners are invited to. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parish lunch on Sunday 5th July. It would really help if you could confirm if you are planning to come. The idea is to bring a bottle and a plate of food to share. To try and ensure that we have a variety of dishes please could you indicate what you plan to bring. If it's easier than bringing food please use the card reader, website or the brown envelopes on the buffet board to make a donation. The Social Committee will use the funds to buy buffet items. Thank you very much for your support in making this a Parish celebration.



News from the 100 Club

Firstly, the 'thank yous' - Thank you to all the members of the 100 Club who have renewed their membership, thank you to those who purchased additional entries and thank you to all our new members. **The first draw will take place at the parish lunch on Sunday 5th July.** By now all the members who have not yet renewed will have received a second email asking them to confirm if they wish to renew and requesting that payment be made by **Tuesday 30th June**. Michele Attwood will be at both Masses this weekend to collect cheques/cash and to assist anyone wishing to use the card reader. Payment directly into the parish bank account is the preferred method of payment but all other methods of payment are welcome. If we haven't heard from you about your membership renewal, the allocated number/colour combinations will be removed before the draw on 5th July. Good luck to everyone for a win in the second year of the 100 Club.



Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda – you will recall that over the weekend of 30th/31st May, Judi Fawcett, a Trustee of EVC gave a very enlightening talk to us on the ongoing work of the charity EVC. We have since received the following letter of thanks from the charity:

Dear Father Daniel, EVC Uganda Appeal - 30/ 31 May - The amount raised at this Appeal was **£2,101.76**. I wish to thank your Parish for their enormous generosity in raising such a sum of money to meet the needs of the poor children we serve. We also wish to thank you and your parish for the very friendly and supportive way we were treated by them. It was wonderful to be with you all. God Bless all of you. Yours in Christ, Ted Fawcett Chairman, EVC Uganda

ASSISTED SUICIDE - Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. 'Not Dead Yet UK' has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. Email your MP using the tool: www.action.notdeadyetuk.org



Is God calling you to the Diaconate? If you are considering whether you may have a vocation as a permanent deacon or would simply like to know more about this important Ministry in the Church, we invite all men and their families to pray about this vocation. You can find further information on:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/>

Alternatively, you can join us for a 'Taster Morning' on **Saturday 4th July at the Holy Family Church, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD beginning at 10am.**



Invitation from the Diocese – We would like to build up a group of singers to support music on occasions in the Cathedral. There will be an initial meeting at **11.00am on 4th July** in the Cathedral to help with the singing at the Beckett Festival Mass at noon on that day. If you are interested just turn up on the day – all are very welcome.



Altar Servers – We are looking to recruit some more members of our parish, young or old, male or female, to join our team of Altar Servers and are appealing especially to those who recently received their First Holy Communion. Altar Servers play a very important part in the Church's Liturgy enabling us all, Priests, Deacons, and the Laity to worthily celebrate the Mass. Full training will be given to you. If you are interested, please speak to either Fr Daniel or Deacon Peter.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Prayer to Our Lady Help of Christians

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the
most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your
perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my
temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your
intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth
we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen



With our love and prayers, Fr Daniel, and Deacon Peter